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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL PENETRATION OF U.S. EMBASSY MOSCOW

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1. WE BELIEVE WE ARE FACED WITH A DECISION IN THE NEXT FEW HOURS OF WHETHER OR NOT WE SHOULD ATTEMPT- TO REMOVE CABLES DESCRIBED IN PARA 3 OF MOSCOW 11770. WE ARE CERTAIN THAT THIS CABLE AND THE MATERIALS DESCRIBED IN PARAS 4, 5, 6 AND 7 ARE LOCATED IN SOVIET REPEAT SOVIET TERRITORY.

2. WHILE WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THE SOVIETS ARE AWARE OF OUR DISCOVERY, THEY WILL CERTAINLY LEARN OF IT BY TOMORROW MORNING (ABOUT 6 HOURS HENCE) WHEN WE DENY SOVIET WORKERS THE USE OF THEIR CHANGING ROOMS. BY THEN IT WILL PROBABLY BE UNSAFE FOR US TO GO BEYOND THE EMBASSY'S TERRITORIAL LIMITS. IF THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THE MATERIALS IN SOVIET TERRITORY WOULD BE USEFUL IN DETERMINING THE EXTENT AND TYPE OF SYSTEM, WE BELIEVE WE CAN STILL SAFELY ATTACH HOOKS AND ROPES TO THE CABLES AND EQUIPMENT IN SOVIET TERRITORY AND DRAG PARTS OF IT BACK INTO U.S. TERRITORY FROM A POSITION OF SAFETY.

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WE MUST HOWEVER, HAVE THE DEPARTMENTS INSTRUCTIONS IN THE NEXT FEW HOURS IF THIS IS TO BE DONE.

3. ANY DECISION TO REMOVE EQUIPMENT FROM TUNNEL UNDER SOVIET TERRITORY SHOULD OF COURSE HAVE HIGH-LEVEL POLITICA APPROVAL, INCLUDING THAT OF AMBASSADOR TOON. MATLOCK

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